This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A liquid-crystalline medium having a helically twisted structure comprising a nematic component and an optically active component, wherein the optically active component comprises one or more chiral compounds whose helical twisting power and concentration are selected in such a way that the helical pitch of the medium is  $\leq 1~\mu\text{m}$ , and the nematic component comprises at least 75% by weight of one or more compounds containing a 3,4,5-trifluorophenyl group

selected from the following formulae

$$R^0 \longrightarrow H \longrightarrow Q \longrightarrow X^0$$
 I1

$$R^0 \xrightarrow{H} Z^3 \xrightarrow{O} X^0$$

$$R^{0} \xrightarrow{H} \underbrace{O}_{A} \underbrace{Z^{4}}_{A} \underbrace{O}_{Y^{2}}^{Y^{1}} X^{0}$$

$$I3$$

in which

 $Z^3$  in each case, independently of one another, denotes COO,  $C_2H_4,\,CF_2O$  or  $C_2F_4,\,$  and

- $Z^4$  in each case, independently of one another, denotes COO,  $CF_2O$ ,  $C_2F_4$  or a single bond.
- R<sup>0</sup> denotes H or an alkyl or alkenyl radical having 1 to 20 C atoms which is unsubstituted, monosubstituted by CN or CF<sub>3</sub> or at least monosubstituted by halogen, where, in addition, one or more CH<sub>2</sub> groups in these radicals may each, independently of one another, be replaced by -O-, -S-, -CO-, -CO-O-, -O-CO-O-, -CH=CH- or -C=C- in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another,

 $Y^4 \underline{Y}^3$  to  $Y^4$  each, independently of one another, denote H or F,

 $Y^1$ ,  $Y^2$  denote F,

X<sup>0</sup> denotes F, Cl, halogenated alkyl, alkenyl or alkoxy having 1 to 6 C atoms and

- a denotes 0 or 1.
- (Previously presented) A liquid-crystalline medium of claim 1 wherein the nematic component comprises one or more compounds of the formula I

$$R^{0} - \left( A^{2} \right) - Z^{2} = \left( A^{1} \right) - Z^{1} - \left( O \right) + \left( A^{2} \right) = \left( A^{2} \right) - \left( A^{2} \right) + \left( A^{2}$$

in which

 $R^0$ 

denotes H or an alkyl or alkenyl radical having 1 to 20 C atoms which is unsubstituted, monosubstituted by CN or CF<sub>3</sub> or at least monosubstituted by halogen, where, in addition, one or more CH<sub>2</sub> groups in these radicals may each, independently of one another, be replaced by -O-, -S-, -CO-, -CO-O-, -O-CO-, -CH=CH- or -C=C- in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another,

 $-\sqrt{A^1}$  and  $-\sqrt{A^2}$  each, independently of one another, denote

$$- \underbrace{H} \quad \text{or} \quad - \underbrace{O}_{Y^3}^{Y^3} ,$$

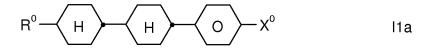
Y<sup>1</sup> to Y<sup>4</sup> each, independently of one another, denote H or F,

Z¹ and Z² each, independently of one another, denote -O-, -S-, -CO-, -COO-, -OCO-, -S-CO-, -CO-S-, -OCH<sub>2</sub>-, -CH<sub>2</sub>O-, -SCH<sub>2</sub>-, -CH<sub>2</sub>S-, -CF<sub>2</sub>O-, -OCF<sub>2</sub>-, -CF<sub>2</sub>S-, -SCF<sub>2</sub>-, -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-, -CF<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-, -CH<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>-, -CF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>-, -CH=CH-, -CF=CH-, -CH=CF-, -CF=CF-, -C≡C- or a single bond,

X<sup>o</sup> denotes F, Cl, halogenated alkyl, alkenyl or alkoxy having 1 to 6 C atoms, and

a denotes 0 or 1.

- 3. (Cancelled)
- 4. (Previously presented) A medium according to Claim 2, comprising one or more compounds selected from the following formula



$$R^0 \longrightarrow H \longrightarrow D \longrightarrow K^0$$
 I1b

$$R^0 \longrightarrow H \longrightarrow COO \longrightarrow C \longrightarrow K^0$$
 I2a

$$R^0$$
  $H$   $C_2H_4$   $O$   $X^0$   $I2k$ 

$$R^0 \longrightarrow H \longrightarrow O \longrightarrow X^0$$
 I3a

$$R^0$$
  $H$   $O$   $O$   $X^0$   $I3b$ 

$$R^0$$
  $H$   $O$   $F$   $X^0$   $I3c$ 

in which  $R^0$  and  $X^0$  have the meaning indicated in Claim 2.

5. (Previously presented) A medium according to Claim 2, further comprising one or more compounds of the following formula

$$R^0 \longrightarrow H \longrightarrow H \longrightarrow Q \longrightarrow X^0$$

in which  $R^0$ ,  $X^0$ ,  $Y^1$ ,  $Y^2$ ,  $Y^3$  and  $Y^4$  have the meaning indicated in Claim 2.

- 6. (Cancelled)
- 7. (Previously presented) A medium according to Claim 1, wherein the nematic component comprises
  - 5 to 50% of compounds of the formula I1,
  - 5 to 45% of compounds of the formula I2,
  - 10 to 65% of compounds of the formula I3,

and

- 3 to 40% of compounds of the formula II

$$R^0 \longrightarrow H \longrightarrow O \longrightarrow X^0$$

in which

R<sup>0</sup> denotes H or an alkyl or alkenyl radical having 1 to 20 C atoms which is unsubstituted, monosubstituted by CN or CF<sub>3</sub> or at least monosubstituted by halogen, where, in addition, one or more CH<sub>2</sub> groups in these radicals may each, independently of one another, be replaced by -O-, -S-, -CO-, -CO-O-, -O-CO-O-, -CH=CH- or -C=C-

in such a way that O atoms are not linked directly to one another,

 $Y^1$  to  $Y^4$  each, independently of one another, denote H or F, and

X<sup>o</sup> denotes F, Cl, halogenated alkyl, alkenyl or alkoxy having 1 to 6 C atoms.

- 8. (Previously presented) A medium according to Claim 1, wherein the medium has a reflection wavelength in the range from 400 to 800 nm.
- 9. (Previously presented) A medium according to Claim 1, further comprising one or more dyes.
- 10. (Previously presented) An electro-optical, laser-optical or nonlinear-optical device comprising a medium according to claim 1.
- 11. (Previously presented) An electro-optical liquid-crystal display containing a medium according to Claim 1.
- 12. (Previously presented) An electro-optical liquid-crystal display according to Claim 11, that is a cholesteric, SSCT, PSCT or flexoelectric display.
- 13. (Previously presented) An electro-optical liquid-crystal display according to Claim 11, that is an active-matrix display.

- 14. (Previously presented) An active laser material or resonator for laser applications, containing a medium according to Claim 1, wherein said medium is a cholesteric liquid crystal medium.
- 15. (Previously presented) A laser arrangement or an active laser material or a resonator therefore containing a medium according to Claim 1.
- 16. (Previously presented) A medium according to claim 4, wherein X<sup>0</sup> in the formula I1a denotes OCF<sub>3</sub> and X<sup>0</sup> in the formulae I1b, I2a, I2k, I3a, I3b and I3c denotes F.
- 17. (Previously presented) A medium according to claim 2, comprising at least one compound of formula I in which  $X^0$ ,  $Y^1$  and  $Y^2$  denote F, and at least one compound of the formula I in which  $X^0$  denotes CI, CF<sub>3</sub>, OCF<sub>3</sub> or OCHF<sub>2</sub>.
- 18. (Previously presented) A medium according to claim 2, wherein Z<sup>1</sup> and Z<sup>2</sup> denote -COO-, -OCO-, -OCH<sub>2</sub>-, -CH<sub>2</sub>O-, -CF<sub>2</sub>O-, -OCF<sub>2</sub>-, -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-, -CF<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>-, -CF<sub>2</sub>CF<sub>2</sub>- or a single bond.
- 19. (Previously presented) A medium according to claim 2, wherein the nematic component comprises one or more compounds of formula I, wherein Y<sup>1</sup>, Y<sup>2</sup> and X<sup>0</sup> are fluoro, as compounds containing a 3,4,5 trifluorophenyl group.
- 20. (Previously presented) A medium according to claim 1, wherein R<sup>0</sup> is n-alkyl, alkoxy, fluoroalkyl, alkenyl or oxaalkenyl, each having up to 9 C atoms.
- 21. (Previously presented) A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1, wherein a is 1.
- 22. (Previously presented) A liquid-crystalline medium according to claim 1, wherein the amount of compounds of formula I1-I3 is at least 80%.